



TEMPORARY DISMISSALS

FOR PLAYERS



RESPECT

AGENDA

1. The Authority
2. The Pilot and Results
3. The Law
4. The Next Steps
5. Sin Bins in Operation
6. Open Forum





THE AUTHORITY

FA PILOT

IFAB approved in March 2017
discretion for National Associations to
use system for either:

- All Cautions
- Selected Cautions

FA Approved Pilot

- Pilot for Dissent only
- Some areas of IFAB approval are
different than current practices –
we have responsibility to try new
practices

31 Leagues Selected



WHY DISSENT?

- Support the RESPECT programme
- 73.5k cautions for Dissent in 2016/17
- 25% of all Cautions
- Aim is to decrease Dissent and improve match experience



INITIAL CONCERN FROM REFEREES

Likely numbers in Sin Bin at any one time

Research over 135,000 matches

- Average Dissent Caution count - 0.46/Game
- Caution in every 2.16 matches
- Where Dissent exists – 1.356/game
- <1% of matches have more than 3 cautions for Dissent
- Chances of those in the same 10 minute period remote



INITIAL CONCERN FROM CLUBS

Just another Money Making machine

No £10 Admin Fee for C2(Sin Bin)

This is not Rugby





THE PILOT

AND THE RESULTS

PILOT SCHEME RESULTS

38% Reduction in Dissent across all Leagues

Also showed a reduction on dismissals for receiving a 2nd caution in a game and Abusive Language

Survey carried out to obtain feedback from users (1400 users)

- 72% of Players wanted to continue with Sin Bins
- 77% Managers/Coaches wanted to continue with Sin Bins
- 84% Referees wanted to continue with Sin Bins

SKY Survey showed Referees requested the 1 major change to be brought in was to be Sin Bins

- Current use has shown that Players self police Dissent as they wish to play with a full squad



THE LAW OF DISSENT

DISSENT

- Has shown a lack of understanding amongst some Players and Managers as to what is Dissent.
- Covered under Law 12 and is in the opinion of the Referee
- A player is cautioned if guilty of dissent by word or action
- Kicking the Ball away could be either Dissent or Delaying the restart – depending on context
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive Language or Gestures is not dissent and is a send off offence
- Responsibility of Clubs to control their players
- The use of the Sin Bin gives the Management team the opportunity to calm the players down



THE **NEXT** STEPS

NEXT STEPS

2018/19 Season

- 31 Leagues on Pilot to continue
- CFA's may nominate Leagues at Step 7 and below to be considered early
- CFA's may elect to use Sin Bins in County Cups
- 60+ Extra Leagues selected
- Repeat Offenders in a game to get 1 match ban and £25 fine with immediate effect

2019/20 Season

All Leagues at Grassroots level, including youth, to use Temporary Dismissals for Dissent - mandatory

NEXT STEPS

CUP COMPETITIONS

Includes all Cup Competitions in Leagues at Grassroots level.

All County Cups or External Cup Competitions where there are no teams whose Clubs play in National League or above.

The Following FA Competitions:

- FA Vase
- FA Sunday Cup
- FA County Youth Cup
- FA Inter-League Cup





THE KEY PRINCIPLE



MATCHDAY PROCESS

MATCH DAY PROCESS

Principle is for misconduct to be dealt with on the day

Will still be reported by referee as:

- Used to monitor impact
- Used for continual misconduct

No Admin fee will be charged



MATCH DAY PROCESS

All Cautions for Dissent must be dealt with by the Sin Bin Process

Applies to Players only and not Substitutes or Coaching Staff

Referee Signals by issuing a **Yellow card** in the normal way **and** pointing to the touchline where the player must go. (not a defined Sin Bin area)



MATCH DAY PROCESS

Period in Sin Bin is:

- 10 Minutes for all matches of 90 minutes
- 8 Minutes for all other matches
- Remember - No designated area: just back with management and subs

Period starts when play restarts

Referee includes any lost time

Where neutral Assistants are appointed they assist with timing



MATCH DAY PROCESS

- Referee has final decision on when the player can return to play.
- Does not need to be in a stoppage in play – Referee will only allow player to return away from current action.
- A Player in the Sin Bin cannot be substituted until the period has expired and not at all if all substitutes have been used
- If the period has not expired at the end of the 1st half, it continues during the 2nd half (or Extra Time)
- If it has not expired at the end of Extra Time and there are kicks from the penalty mark – the player can participate

MATCH DAY PROCESS

Repeat Offenders (this will be a different approach than expected)

If a temporary dismissed player :

- commits another YC Offence or RC offence during the sin bin period cannot take any further part in the game and cannot be substituted
- Commits a non-dissent caution at any time on the field of play in addition to the sin bin period will continue to play.
- Commits a 2nd Dissent caution (and no other offences) will receive a 2nd period in the sin bin. At the end of that period, the player can take no further part in the game but can be substituted.
- Commits a 2nd dissent action and has already had a non Dissent caution will take no further part in the game and cannot be substituted

All other Laws of the Game remain unaffected (i.e. 2 Non-Dissent Yellow cards)

Caution Offence 1	Caution Offence 2	Caution Offence 3	On field Sanction
Dissent	-	-	Sin Bin
Dissent	Non Dissent	-	Sin Bin, Caution Recorded (No Send Off)
Dissent	Non Dissent Caution	Non Dissent Caution	Sin Bin, Send Off for S7
Dissent	Dissent	-	Sin Bin x2, unable to rejoin, but can be substituted after 2 nd Sin Bin if not all Substitutes used
Dissent	Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	Sin Bin, Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, unable to rejoin and CANNOT be substituted
Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	-	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin
Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	Non Dissent Caution	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, Send Off for S7
Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	Dissent	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, Sin Bin - unable to rejoin, and CANNOT be substituted after 2 nd Sin Bin

FAQS

Q: Will the Referee working on their own be able to control the Sin Bin Period?

A: Yes if they follow the correct Procedure



FAQS

Q: Can a Temporary Dismissed player warm up?

A: Yes – Want to avoid injury and the purpose of the Sin Bin is to remove from play



FAQS

Q: What happens if the Team go down to less than 7 players as a result of a Temporary Dismissal?

A: Under the Laws of the Game, if the team go below 7 for whatever reason - the game will be abandoned





ANY QUESTIONS?